



WEST SPRINGFIELD, MASS. Approaching Meeting House Hill and King's Highway, on the road to Holyoke. (See other side.) A 594



THE OLD WHITE MEETING HOUSE. Built 1800

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THE OLD WHITE MEETING HOUSE

This stately edifice is one of the few well preserved churches of the olden time now standing in the Connecticut valley and it is a BEAUTIFUL LANDMARK FOR MILES AROUND. It was located on MEETING HOUSE HILL as a gift from John Ashley, who stipulated that it should remain there for 100 years from 1800. The contract price was \$1,400 and 10 gallons of good rum. The turrets of these old churches were used as a lookout for hostile Indians. In the early days of this church there was an unwritten law that no young woman should occupy a front seat in the gallery where the unmarried women sat, unless attired in a silk gown.